



# Wickersley Northfield Primary NEWSLETTER



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## February Half Term

We can confirm that our school will be **closed to all pupils** as normal at February half term.

Half term week is week commencing 15th February 2021.

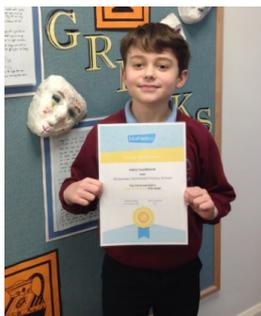
We can also confirm that the teachers will not be putting daily activities on Google Classroom during the holiday. Our staff have worked extremely hard and will continue to do so for the next two weeks educating the pupils both in school and at home and we are all ready for a break after an exceptionally difficult half term.

As we are sure you have already heard the Government are now saying that schools will remain closed and following the current restrictions until at least 8th March.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back once we are told it is safe until then we will continue to provide remote learning to all our pupils.

## Gold Award

A huge WELL DONE to Harry Couldstone who has achieved his gold award on Athletics.



Keep up the fantastic work everyone!

## Children's Mental Health Week

The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **Express Yourself.**



Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good.

Watch out on your Google Classroom for activities!

## Free School Meals

RMBC will again be providing all the parents who are eligible for benefit related free school meals a £15 food voucher for each child during February half term. This will be processed in the same way as the Christmas holidays.

In addition to the £15 food payment for each child, there will also be a payment of £20 per pupil made with regards to school uniform funding for free school meal eligible pupils. However, if you have already received this uniform funding separately you will not receive it again.

These vouchers will be sent to all eligible families during February half term.

Contact the council if you think you could be eligible to receive benefit related free school meals.

## AESSEAL

Rotherham firm AESSEAL plc has donated £400,000 to the Laptops for Kids charity to support home learning for children across the borough during the pandemic.

The charitable organisation will use £300,000 to supply refurbished laptops to 1500 households in Rotherham.

The remaining £100,000 will be used to buy dongles for connecting 10,000 households to the internet, meeting the total estimated need across South Yorkshire.

AESSEAL is a world-leading designer and manufacturer of mechanical seals and support systems. The company operates from 230 locations across the world and is headquartered in Rotherham.



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Council Leader Cllr Chris Read was overwhelmed by the donation. He said 'This is a tremendous gesture from AESSEAL which benefits their commitment to local community and expanding opportunities for local people.'

'I'm really pleased that the council is able to work alongside them and our schools to ensure that more IT equipment will get to the children who will most benefit from it. In what has been the most awful year, this is another example of how our community comes together to look after each other and overcome challenges that we face.'